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E.9. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR KS SG
SUBJ: SOUTH KOREAN MISSION TO WEST AFRICA

1. IN PREPARATION FOR THIS YEAR'S DEBATE IN THE UNGA ON KOREAN QUESTIONS, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS SENDING A SPECIAL ENVOY TO A NUMBER OF WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR ROK POSITION ON UPCOMING SESSION'S KEY ISSUES. TWO-MAN MISSION IS HEADED BY AMBASSADOR PYO WOOK HAN, FORMER ROK PERMREP TO UNITED NATIONS. STARTING WITH DAKAR, THE AMBASSADOR AND AIDE WILL VISIT SUCCESSIVELY THE GAMBIA, SIERRA LEONE, LIBERIA, IVORY COAST, GHANA AND UPPER VOLTA.

2. IN MEETING WITH ME JULY 24 PYO WOOK HAN AND DAKAR-
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BASED CHARGE, EUI SOK CHAI, OUTLINED MAIN THEMES

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THEIR REPRESENTATION AND PROVIDED ASSESSMENT GOS
REACTION. IN ESSENCE, AMBASSADOR IS EXPLAINING
SEVEN POINTS CONTAINED IN PRESIDENT PARK'S PROPOSAL
OF JUNE 23RD. HE IS POINTING OUT THAT NUMBER EARLIER
UN ISSUES HAVE NOW BEEN EASED, I.E. QUESTIONS RELATED
TO SEPARATE PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND
FUTURE OF UN COMMISSION ON REHABILITATION OF KOREA
(UNCURK). HOWEVER, ROK STILL VITALLY CONCERNED WITH
THREAT TO TERMINATE UN COMMAND IN KOREA. AMBASSADOR
MAKING MAJOR PITCH FOR SUPPORT ON VOTE TO RETAIN PRESENCE
UN FLAG AND FORCES IN HIS COUNTRY. ROK REGARDS THIS
ELEMENT AS ESSENTIAL GUARANTEE OF PEACE AND STABILITY
WHILE NORTH AND SOUTH ENDEAVOR WORK TOWARD RECONCILIATION
IN VARIOUS FIELDS.

3. AMBASSADOR WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT HE WAS
NOT RECEIVED BY S
ODHTR, INSTEAD HE WAS RECEIVED OFFICIALLY
BY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADAMA N'DIAYE
AND LATER BY YOUSSOU SYLLA, DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS
OF FON MIN. PYO WOOK HAN TOLD ME THAT ADAMA N'DIAYE WAS
VERY HOSPITABLE AND APPEARED TO AGREE WITH THE ROK
ARGUMENTATION ON RETENTION OF UN COMMAND. SYLLA, ON
OTHER HAND, WHILE PLEASANT, WAS ABSOLUTELY NON COMMITTAL
AND REFUSED TO INDICATE POSITION GOS WOULD TAKE WHEN
ISSUE COMES UP IN UNGA. (COMMENT: WHILE SEC OF STATE,
PROTOCOL WISE, IS RANKING OF THE TWO, HE IS A LIGHTWEIGHT
ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND DEALS MOSTLY WITH PROTOCOL
AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS IN MINISTRY. SYLLA IS
PERHAPS SMARTEST MEMBER OF STAFF AND PROBABLY EXERTS
MORE INFLUENCE THAN MOST IN MINISTRY ON ONLY MAN WHO
REALLY COUNTS IN FOREIGN RELATIONS-LEOPOLD SENGHOR.)

4. KOREAN MISSION ATTRACTED MODEST PUBLIC
ATTENTION WITH GIFT OF $10,000 FOR DROUGHT RELIEF. PHOTO
AND BRIEF ACCOUNT OF PRESENTATION APPEARED IN SOLEIL OF
JULY 24.

5. FOR ONWARD AFRICAN POSTS-WHILE IT IS UNLIKELY THAT
AMBASSADOR PYO WOOK HAN WILL REQUEST ANY DIRECT
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ASSISTANCE FROM US MISSIONS, HE MAY VERY WELL CALL OR
OTHERWISE ESTABLISH CONTACT WHILE VISITING POSTS
LISTED ABOVE. FYI. HE IS EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT, WHO
AFTER THREE YEARS AT UN HAS JUST BEEN POSTED THREE
WEEKS AGO TO VIENNA. HE DID UNDERGRADUATE WORK AT
UNIV OF MICHIGAN AND GRADUATE WORK AT HARVARD. HE IS
INTELLIGENT, LUCID AND FRIENDLY.
CLARK

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